(b) if so, what the Government is doing in connection with waste management to reduce the bird hits of aircraft; and

(c) what the Ministry, in co-ordination with the Ministry of Urban Development is doing to concentrate on waste management in all the towns where there are IAF air fields?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Cleaning of the environment around the IAF airfields in coordination with concerned Ministry/Department/State Government/Local Civic Authorities is constantly pursued to create a hygienic environment in the interest of flight safety.

Indigenous development of AWACS

3011. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to develop Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AWACS) indigenously;

(b) if so, the present status of the project; and

(c) the time-frame within which it would be ready for use by our armed forces?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A programme for design and development of indigenous Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) System was sanctioned to DRDO in October, 2004. The preliminary designs of various sub-systems of the AEW&C have been completed.

(c) The time frame for the completion of development activities and commencement of User trials is 78 months.

Utilisation of funds by MoD

3012. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated and spent by the Ministry for the last three years;

(b) what are the reasons for the unspent allocation, year-wise; and

(c) whether any effort has been made by the Ministry to find way to spent the full amount in future and to overcome existing difficulties in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The details of funds allocated to the Defence Services and the amount spent there against during each of the three years are as under:

(8s. in crores)

	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates	Actual Expenditure
2002-2003	65,000	56,000	55,661.83
2003-2004	65,300	60,300	60,065.80
2004-2005	77,000	77,000	75,835.14*

*Provisional, accounts not yet closed.

(b) the reasons for not utilizing the allocated funds are given in the Appropriation Accounts (Defence Services) for the respective years, laid on the Table of the House.

(c) In order to fully utilize the allocated funds, the status of various procurement processes and the progress of defence expenditure are kept under constant review and follow up action, as necessary, is taken. In order to address the issues of greater transparency and cutting down delays in procurement, the procedures for procurement have been reviewed. A revised Defence Procurement Procedure 2005 for Capital acquisition and Defence Procurement Manual 2005 for Revenue Stores have been promulgated.

Espionage by Defence personnel

3013. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the act of espionage and passing on defence classified papers by security personnel has increased in the recent days;